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2 agri execs charged with journalist's slay

By Aquiles Zonio
Inquirer Mindanao

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—THE DEPARTment of Justice has refiled the murder charges against the two agriculture officials tagged as masterminds in the 2005 murder of journalist Marlene Garcia-Esperat.

It was Esperat who blew the whistle on

2 AGRI/A10

Kidnappers let husband hear wife's cries

ZAMBOANGA CITY—THE KIDNAPPERS of two humanitarian workers in Basilan have hurt one and threatened to do more harm unless her family raised the P5 million being demanded for her freedom.

Using Esperanza Hupida's mobile phone, the kidnappers called Nagdilaab Foundation president Fr. Angel Calvo on Tuesday and reiterated the demand. Hupida's husband, Nestor, was with Calvo when the call was made.

"They threatened to cut Espie's fingers if we do not give in to the ransom de-

KIDNAPPERS/A10

GMA pushes ₱100-B fund

Money to pump-prime economy amid crisis

By TJ Burgonio

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO IS SUPPORTing a plan to set up a P100-billion program aimed at upgrading the country's expressways, roads and bridges to pump-prime the economy amid the global economic slowdown.

Speaking before business leaders, the President yesterday said she was open to tapping government financing institutions (GFIs) when she outlined the government's contingency plans against a recession in the United States, a major trading partner of the country.

Ms Arroyo said Donald Dee of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) had proposed that of the P100 billion, P50 billion would be drawn from the GFIs and the balance from private banks.

"I welcome the proposal given to me on the platform by Donald," she said in her speech at the 34th Philippine Business Conference and Exposition.

Dee, PCCI chair emeritus, said the proposed P100-billion fund for infrastructure upgrade was an offshoot of his "brainstorming" with Romulo Neri, president of the Social Security System (SSS), and Reynaldo David, president of the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP).

"We had a brainstorming, and we thought of this idea," he said.

National Development Corp., DBP and SSS have each committed P10 billion to the public sector counterpart of the fund, according to Dee.

He said he would next talk with other GFIs and banks to complete the fund.

"The SSS, DBP [and NDC]

GMA PUSHES/A10



PRESIDENT Arroyo endorses a P100-billion expenditure program that will finance infrastructure projects amid the global economic crisis during her Wednesday speech at the 34th Philippine Business Conference Expo at the Manila Hotel. LYN RILLON

Probe of 'euro generals' starts

By Tarra Quismundo and Alcuin Papa

WITH TOP OFFICIALS OF THE Philippine National Police mum on how much was left of the total P9.3-million travel fund released for their trip to Russia, the National Police Commission (Napolcom) yesterday ordered them to account for every centavo of taxpayer money that they spent there.

The PNP delegates to the 77th Interpol General Assembly in St. Petersburg were given five days to submit a report detailing their activities during the three-day conference and all

PROBE/A11

ERC assailed over Meralco power rate hike

THE ENERGY REGULATORY Commission (ERC) came under fire yesterday for allowing Manila Electric Co. to raise distribution, supply and metering charges starting November while ordering the utility to refund customers P3.9 billion in overcharges.

The charges will raise by an average of 14 centavos per kilowatt-hour (kWh) the monthly bills of Meralco's customers in Metro Manila and nearby cities and provinces.

"We condemn yet another clear act of systematic mulcting by Meralco and ERC of the long-suffering Filipino consumer," the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption (VACC) said.

In a statement, Dante Jimenez, VACC founding chair, said the group could not "discern an ounce of sincerity to serve public interest, only a stinking collusion to further bleed the consumer."

ERC ASSAILED/A10



RP stands tallest in war against poverty, says UN

By DJ Yap

IF NOTHING ELSE, FILIPINOS ARE standing tall and proud in the fight to end destitution.

Topping even India and its billion population, the Philippines has earned the world record for the largest group of people ever mobi-

RP STANDS/A19

2 Lotte products have melamine—BFAD

By Dona Pazzibugan

TWO MORE PRODUCTS OF THE POPULAR biscuit brand Lotte were found to contain the industrial chemical melamine, the Bureau of Food and Drugs (BFAD) announced yesterday.

Lotte B+W Koala Biscuit and Lotte Chocolate Snack Koala Biscuit have tested positive for melamine and were automatically banned from the market.

Last week, the BFAD found Lotte Strawberry Snack Koala Biscuit to be tainted with melamine. Lotte is a South Korean company with headquarters in Japan.

BFAD Director Leticia Gutierrez said the three contaminated Lotte products

2 LOTTE/A10



DORONILA with then Foreign Secretary Carlos P. Romulo at the Manila Conference in 1966.

Johnson bullies Marcos in Manila summit

(Editors' Note: Inquirer columnist Amando Doronila's distinguished service as a foreign correspondent forms the backbone of the first volume of his reminiscences, "Afro-Asia in Upheaval: A Memoir of Front-line Reporting." In this series of three excerpts about the Manila Conference of 1966, he recounts his exclusive "inside story" behind Ferdinand Marcos' ill-fated attempt to forge a diplomatic consensus on the Vietnam war. "Afro-Asia in Upheaval," an Inquirer book published in partnership with Anvil, will be launched tonight, at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza.)

(Last of three parts)

ON THE FINAL DAY OF THE CONFERence, the conclusion of the summit was delayed for five hours because of sharp exchanges between [Ferdinand] Marcos and [US President Lyndon] Johnson over the phrasing of the communiqué. According to inside conference sources, Marcos tried hard to put conciliatory words [in] the communiqué, to which Johnson and some of the hard-liners objected. They considered the draft communiqué "too mild."

JOHNSON/A17

BRAVING ROUGH SKIES

RP air traffic controllers: Overworked, underpaid

By Tarra Quismundo

(Second of three parts)

i-TEAM *Report*
Fernando del Mundo
Chief

WORKING 16-HOUR DAYS HAS BEcome routine for air traffic controller Marlene Singson, as ordinary as operating in up to 54 takeoffs and departures in an hour at the crowded Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

"That means we break some rules every now and then, but we make sure that we comply with the minimum safety requirement," Singson said.

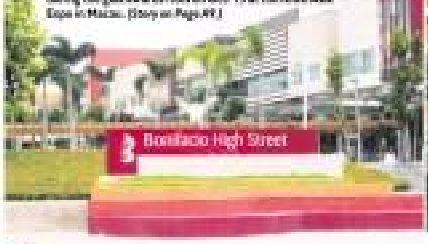
The Manila Control Tower's overworked cast of air traffic controllers continues to cope with the daunting task of operating below safety margins, grappling with a busy airspace despite unpaid overtime, understaffing and old equipment.

Tasked to guide planes for safe landings and takeoffs, air traffic controllers at the country's main international hub say they have yet to see changes promised by the creation of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP).

Established to supplant the outdated ways of the Air Transportation Office (ATO), the CAAP has been touted as the country's hope to redeem its standing in the eyes of the US Federal

RP AIR/A10

GOLD AND SILVER FOR AYALA MALLS
Bonifacio High Street in Taguig City and Trinoma in Quezon City bag Ayala Malls gold and silver awards for outstanding design and creativity. The International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) handed the awards during the gala awards rites on Dec. 15 at the ICSC Asia Expo in Macau. (Story on Page A9.)





WEATHER FORECAST

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GMA eyes new tack on Asian crisis fund

Sets serious tone in meetings with Asia, Euro leaders in Beijing

By Christian V. Esguerra

Solon cautions gov't on proposed deposit guaranty

Confronting the crisis

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By Allison W. Lopez

Correction

The Daily Gospel

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Ship passenger with guns held

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No special holiday

An Open Letter to the President and All the Members of GSIS

We do not believe that the present management of the GSIS adheres to the doctrine of transparency and accountability towards its members.

We do not believe that the present management of the GSIS has the best interest and paramount welfare of its members in mind.

We do not believe that the GSIS is managing and investing our funds according to established principles of sound financial management.

UNJUST POLICIES

It is unjust that our benefits are computed by the GSIS, not on the basis of actual length of service in Government as the law prescribes, nor on the basis of actual premium payments withheld from our salaries, but on the basis of premium payments actually remitted to and posted by the GSIS in its database.

It is unjust that, if the government-employer fails to pay its mandated counterpart share for its employees, the government-employer's uncollected contribution is automatically converted by GSIS into a personal loan of the employee, with an interest of 24% per annum - double the regular rate charged by banks for personal loans. This victimizes the government employee twice and is almost akin to proceeding against the victim, rather than the offender. It can only be described as greed feeding on injustice.

In fiefdoms of government agencies and controlled corporations, there has not been a more arrogant, a more despotic, a more oppressive, a more capricious, and a more unjustifiable exercise of power. It is difficult to find, indeed, greater irony in the history of government service.

It is unjust that, from the proceeds of our benefits and loans, dubious deductions are made by the GSIS, such as arrearages resulting from its very own inefficiency in the recordation and handling of accounts.

Substantively, our benefits have been restricted, rather than broadened; administratively, payments have been prolonged, rather than facilitated. And, even as GSIS pays lip service to the welfare of the government employee, we are skewered from the front and the back and then thrown into the pan, there to fry in our own lard.

SHOULD WE BEAR THE BURDEN OF POLITICAL PAYBACK?

We are revolted by the fact that, while GSIS quickly dispenses billion-peso contributions to the coffers of Malacañang, it steadfastly denies the payment of proper benefits to its members under the mantra of "preserving solvency."

We are revolted by the fact that, while GSIS dissipates the system's funds in the purchase of multi-million dollar paintings, it refuses to pay our rightful benefits under the pretext of protecting its "actuarial reserves."

We are revolted by the fact that an agency of mediocre management and puny achievements expends hundreds of millions of pesos of its members' funds on public relations and intellectually-insulting propaganda.

We are revolted by the fact that, amidst all these, the GSIS grants cash allowances and benefits to its President and General Manager, utilized and booked as "discretionary expenses," described in a COA Special Audit and Investigation report as "unconscionable" or shockingly unfair, unjust, and outrageous.

We have dialogued with the President regarding these unjust policies of the GSIS and she agreed that they are not only unjust, but also immoral. We have hoped that she would act on these problems, as they are clearly within her power to do so. But she has chosen not to. And, by her inaction, she continues to inflict Mr. Winston Garcia upon us all.

Some quarters have pointed out that Mr. Garcia's appointment to GSIS is a political privilege accorded to him by the President of the Republic which can never be questioned - no matter how unwise, oppressive, repugnant or mysterious the exercise of the privilege might be.

Pundits have opined that Mrs. Arroyo will never replace Mr. Garcia because of his political clout in Cebu and the vast resources available from the GSIS.

They are probably correct.

We now put to issue, not only Mrs. Arroyo's sincerity as the leader of our nation, but her competence to govern, as well.

TDC

MPSTA

TEACHERS, Inc.

We are inviting public school teachers and other government employees to join us in a rally at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Plaza Salamanca (Kalaw St., corner Taft Avenue) against the unjust and oppressive policies of the GSIS.

Puno rejects calls for reshuffle in PNP



3 soldiers killed in clashes

BFAD MELAMINE TEST RESULTS

As Of 22 October 2008

MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS WHERE MELAMINE WAS DETECTED

1. LOTTE B/W KOALA Biscuit
2. LOTTE Chocolate Snack KOALA Biscuit

MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS WHERE NO MELAMINE WAS DETECTED

1. Angels First Love Bangalifen Fresh Milk Wafer Sticks
2. Barbaque Candy (MM)
3. Darry's Milk Choco Candy
4. Golden Fuji Crisp Tomato Flavor Cracker
5. Golden Fuji Vegetable Flavor Cracker
6. Honghuang Winter Mint Candy (MM)
7. KZ Gardern Long candy
8. Lipton Milk Tea (Original Flavour) – Product of Indonesia
9. Lipton Milk Tea (Vanilla Flavour) – Product of Indonesia
10. Nice Choice Pineapple cake
11. QQ Chocolate Bear Candy
12. Sandwich Biscuits (green wrapper) (in Chinese character)
13. Sandwich Biscuits (purple wrapper) (in Chinese character)
14. Sandwich Biscuits (yellow wrapper) (in Chinese character)
15. Sour Lollipop 2 in 1 (strawberry, orange, pineapple)
16. Sweet dart 8.8 Butter Ball Candy
17. The New Zaland Company (Smile Bourbon Yogurt Milk Soft Drops (Grape Flavor)
18. W.L. Sweet Dart Pines Milk Candy
19. W.L. Sweet Dart Royal Orange Candy
20. W.L. Yuzhou Cheese Biscuit
21. *Zhongshan Meihua* Gallinas de Chocola To Butter with Filling Cake
22. *Zhongshan Meihua* Good Taste Sweet-Smelling and Crisp Biscuits

PREVIOUS LIST OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS WHERE MELAMINE WAS DETECTED

PREVIOUS LIST OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS WHERE NO MELAMINE WAS DETECTED

PREVIOUS LIST OF MEAT PRODUCTS WHERE NO MELAMINE WAS DETECTED

ADVISORY FROM THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN BEIJING

MELAMINE DETECTED IN THE FOLLOWING BRANDS OF INFANT MILK POWDER



Ayala Malls bags 3 awards

AYALA MALLS, KNOWN FOR INNOVATIVE retail developments, creating well-planned lifestyle centers, and building beyond commercial spaces, has won three awards from the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC).

ICSC announced and handed the awards during the gala awards rites on Oct. 15 at the ICSC Asia Expo in Macau.

ICSC has recognized and honored the shopping center industry's most cutting-edge properties, innovative solutions and creative responses to market trends, as well as outstanding examples of design and development throughout the world.

Ayala Malls received top recognition under the categories of Design & Development and Marketing.

"Bravo Filipino: A Tribute to Filipino Creativity and Ingenuity" which featured a four-month long festival celebrating the Filipino creative genius during the opening of Greenbelt 5 garnered a Gold award for Marketing excellence.

Bonifacio High Street, the country's first "main street" development, and TriNoma, offering a refreshing and rewarding shopping experience in northern Metro Manila, won for Ayala Malls a Gold and Silver award, respectively, for outstanding design qualities and creativity in development.

Deoferio; 31

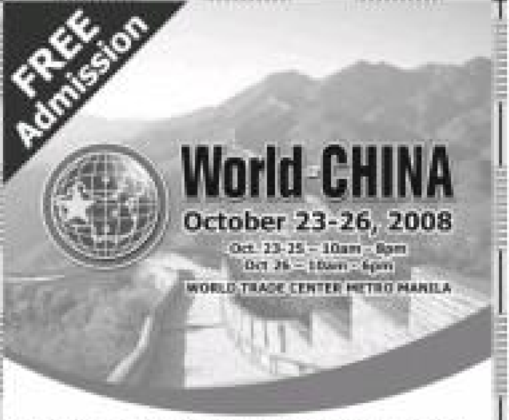
ANNA LIZA CONTINDADO DEOFERIO died Oct. 21 at the Kidney Institute of kidney failure. She was 31 years old.

Her remains were brought to the Arlington Memorial Chapel on Araneta Avenue in Quezon City. Burial arrangements will be announced later.

She was survived by her mother Dada Contindado Deoferio and a younger sister.







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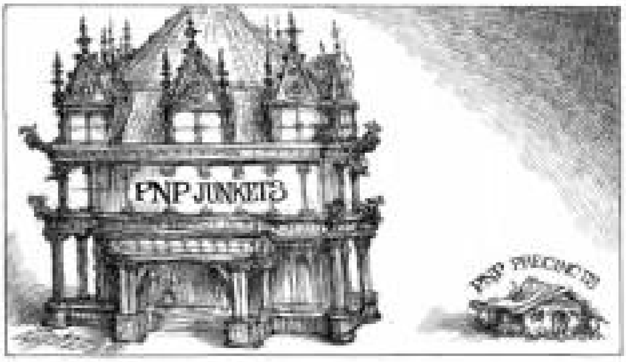
The Outstanding Participating Institutions (OPI)

TOPM Panel of Judges

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OPINION

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Zapping carabaos

VIEWPOINT

Juan L. Mercado

Simplicity

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

Profile in courage

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan



Drawing lines

YOUNG BLOOD

Carren Jao

The view from the underside

HUMAN FACE

Ma. Ceres P. Doyo



Race and the US presidential race

WORLD VIEW

White voters won't reveal their prejudices to pollsters. Instead, they lie and say that they will vote for the black candidate when, in fact, they have no intention of doing so

All about numbers

LETTERS

Redefining 'ethical' in doctors' code

Christmas carol's original written in Cebuano

Probe of 'euro generals' starts

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Subpoena for Senate inquiry

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Administrative probe

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Their own way

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No informal discussions

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Kidnappers let husband hear wife's cries

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Killers for hire



WHAT WENT BEFORE

INQUIRER Southern Luzon

Underwater cable seen as threat to 'butanding'

By Ephraim Aguilar

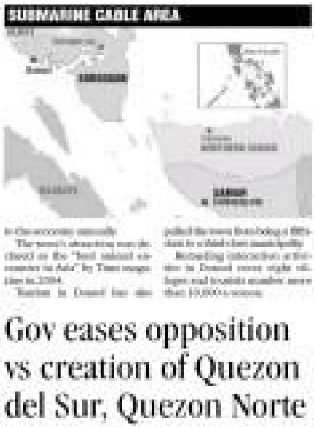
THREATENING A MULTIMILLION-PESO TOURism jewel, a submarine cable planned to be installed by a giant telecommunications firm in Donsol, Sorsogon, the whale shark capital of the world, is eyed with suspicion.



> The town's attraction was declared as the "best animal encounter in Asia" by Time magazine in 2004

Construction materials

Tourism industry



Melamine scare makes breast feeding the 'in' thing with moms

By Madonna Virola

CHERYL JOY IBAÑez, 18, a resident of Bongabong town in Oriental Mindoro, gave birth to twin boys at the bottle-free ward of the Oriental Mindoro Provincial Hospital (OMPH) on Oct. 1.



Gov eases opposition vs creation of Quezon del Sur, Quezon Norte

Across the NATION

Cases readied vs CamSur execs over ₱1B in unaccounted funds

NAGA CITY—TWO ANTICRIME GROUPS ARE joining the filing of graft and corruption cases against top officials of Camarines Sur as a result of a Commission on Audit (COA) report saying about P1 billion of the province's funds are unaccounted for.

1,000 sign 3 petitions in search for Balao

By Nikko Dizon



CHURCH REPAIR

At Leyte Landing rites, words aren't enough

By Joey A. Gabieta
Inquirer Visayas



NEWSBRIEFS

PASG seizes animal feeds during raid

Radio man gets text threats

SC says ex-senator's land covered by CARP

CHEd reviews agri courses' relevance



Sta. Lucia five foils Coke, Duremdes

Freak play ruins ex-MVP's coaching debut

A FREAK PLAY THAT LEFT DENNIS ESPINO WIDE OPEN keyed an 83-82 Sta. Lucia victory over Coca-Cola which gave the Realtors their third straight win in the KFC-PBA Philippine Cup and denied Kenneth Duremdes a winning coaching debut last night at the Araneta Coliseum.

Johnson bullies Marcos in Manila summit



RP stands tallest . . .



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Study on Edsa speed limit now underway

Cameras can help determine right speed

THE METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUthority (MMDA) yesterday declared that a speed limit would soon be imposed on Edsa once the agency completes its study of the traffic conditions on the 24 kilo-long road.

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SURPRISE CHECK

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MMDA gets flak for Edsa road mishap

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Motorists warned about riding with strangers

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Protest in Cagayan de Oro City a first

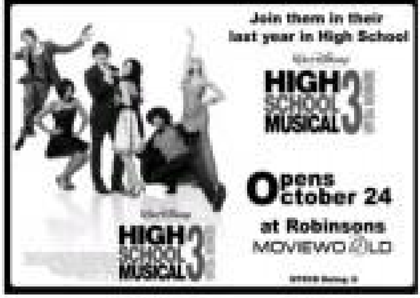
ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo



Mandaluyong to take over 3 MRT stations

By DJ Yap





METROBRIEFS

Elevator operator dies from fall

Tina G. Santos



Obama takes 10-point lead over McCain

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Melamine downs 3

China's terror blacklist

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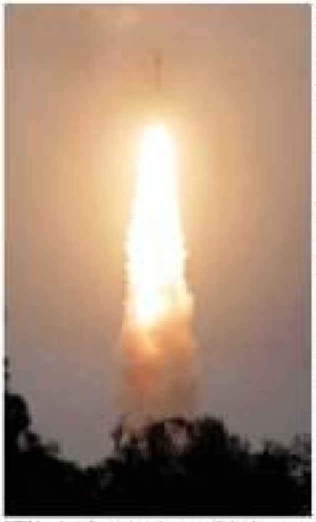
'Mistaken identity'

Australia withdrawal

Doing business in Iraq

The WORLD

India chases Japan, China to the moon



INDIA launches its first mission to the moon on Wednesday, rocketing a satellite into the pale dawn sky in a two-year mission to redraw maps of the lunar surface. "Lift-off is normal," mission control announces as the Chandrayaan-1 blasts off from the Sriharikota space center in southern India. Chandrayaan means "Moon Craft" in ancient Sanskrit.

SRIHARIKOTA, INDIA—INDIA SUCCESSFULLY launched its first lunar mission on Wednesday, marking a major boost for the country's space program and a new step in the fast-developing Asian space race.

Cheers rang out at mission control as the unmanned lunar orbiting spacecraft Chandrayaan-1 was launched with an Indian-built rocket from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on the southeastern coast.

India is hoping the mission will boost its space program into the same league as regional powerhouses Japan and China.

Officials said the lift-off, which took place in cloudy skies at 6:22 a.m., was a "great success"—with the rocket placing the craft into a transfer orbit around the globe within 19 minutes.

"Our scientific community has once again done the country proud and the entire nation salutes them," India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said in a message from Japan, where he was on an official visit.

The head of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Madhavan Nair, said it was a "historic moment" for the country.

"It has been a remarkable performance by the launch vehicle," he said of the lift-off from the national space centre in the state of Andhra Pradesh, 80 kilometers north of Chennai.

ISRO is sending the Chandrayaan-1 on a two-year orbital mission to provide a detailed map of the mineral, chemical and topographical characteristics of the moon's surface. It is expected to reach lunar orbit in 15 days.

The mission, which will also include the sending of a probe onto the lunar surface, will cost [illegible].

"Today what we have started is a remarkable journey for an Indian spacecraft to go to the moon and try to unravel the mysteries of the Earth's closest celestial body and its only natural satellite," Nair said.

Nair said the ISRO was also aiming at a manned space flight by 2015, with work on a two-person capsule already underway.

While looking to carve out a bigger slice of the lucrative commercial satellite launch market, India, Japan and China also see their space programs as an important symbol of their international stature and economic development.

The launch was carried live on most Indian television channels—with one channel using the theme music for "Star Wars" to accompany the countdown.

Some critics, however, have questioned whether it makes sense to spend so much money on space when hundreds of millions of Indians still live in dire poverty.

India started its space program in 1963, developing its own satellites and launch vehicles to reduce dependence on overseas agencies.

The country first staked its case for a share of the commercial launch market by sending an Italian satellite into orbit in April last year. In January, it launched an Israeli spy satellite in the face of Iranian protests.

But it still has a long way to go to catch up with China, which, together with the United States, Russia and the European Space Agency, is already well established in the commercial launch sector. *AFP*

Protesters throw shoes at Thai premier

BANGKOK—A DOZEN OF ANGRY protesters threw shoes and plastic bottles at the Thai prime minister's entourage after cornering him at an underground parking lot on Wednesday. He escaped unharmed.

Security agents and police shielded Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat, and hustled him into a waiting car which sped off in a motorcade.

The protest was staged by more than 100 employees of the state-owned telecom operator TOT during a visit by Somchai to their headquarters outside Bangkok.

"It was not a serious protest," Somchai later told reporters. He described the incident as a "[illegible] of his post."

It marked the first time in Thailand's months of political crisis that state employees have come into direct confrontation with the prime minister.

It was not, however, the first time that Somchai has had to make a quick getaway.

On Oct. 7, Somchai escaped a violent protest outside Parliament by climbing over a back fence to safety. Riot police outside the building fired tear gas to disperse rowdy protesters, leaving hundreds injured and two dead.

Wednesday's rally started outside the TOT headquarters, on the grounds of the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology.

Somchai's motorcade detoured into an underground parking lot to avoid the crowd shouting "Somchai, murderer!" in reference to the two fatalities at the Oct. 7 protest.

Protesters swarmed around Somchai in the parking lot, waving noisy plastic clappers shaped like giant hands.

After holding a meeting inside the building, Somchai exited through the main entrance where more protesters had gathered. Some hurled clappers at his entourage and plastic water bottles and shoes.

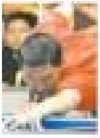
Throwing shoes is particularly insulting in Thai culture, which considers the foot as the dirtiest part of the body. *AFP*

SPORTS

WHAT'S INSIDE



■ Young pitchers take spotlight /A28



■ Alcano, 3 other RP bets survive /A28

Spirits shielding Pacman from spies?



HANDY Pacquiao works the mitts with Freddie Roach at the Wild Card Gym in this file photo.

By Recah Trinidad

THEY DON'T JUST BAR OUTSIDERS; suspected intruders are also in danger of being knocked out inside the Wild Card Gym where national treasure Manny Pacquiao has been training in seclusion.

This developed yesterday following a text message to the Inquirer by Greg Asuncion, a Filipino working at the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office who claimed he was inexplicably punched and knocked out while watching Pacquiao, whom he had accompanied to the gym from his Palmdale residence.

"Can I talk to you?" Asuncion text-messaged the Inquirer. "They treated me like an animal. They hit and threw me away." (More on Pacquiao on Page A28.)

Asuncion claimed that, as a result of the incident, he had to call 911.

He said he ended up in the hospital.

He placed the incident at around 3 p.m. Oct. 20, 2008.

Asuncion later confirmed the incident in a telephone conversation with broadcaster Ronnie Nathanielsz.

Nathanielsz said Asuncion initially named the suspected assailant, a top man of Team Pacquiao, but the latter was out before the victim was able to confirm the source of his attacker.

"He was unknown, but Greg appeared uncertain as to the identity of his attacker," Nathanielsz told the Inquirer.

This led Nathanielsz and one more reporter to wonder if trainer Freddie Roach has also hired spirits to shield Pacquiao from suspected spies.

Nathanielsz was trying to contact Asuncion, a close-in ally of Pacquiao who once fell out of grace from the boxing superstar.

Meanwhile, Asuncion said he would soon submit a police report.

He promised to e-mail the Inquirer the identity of the suspect.

"I will file a lawsuit, we will subpoena them," he said. "I'm ready to fight them."

Alcano, 3 other RP bets survive



RONNIE Alcano survives a close shave and makes it to the next round.

Pinoys set Mercedes golf pace

Mighty Sports wins

Garcia, Ochoa share lead in World Youth Chess

Lone campaigner

Asistio tows HK Am field

Sportswatch

LGBA Breeder of the Year

Las Piñas slugfest up

Leadership woes bugs voters' list

Cagebelles ready for Fiba Youth tilt

New bike powers Buncio to Rider of the Year plum



BUNCIO

5 sports boon to Philippine SEAG bid

Toroman sets national pool tryout



Stars shine in college basketball awards



PANGILINAN

Most Valuable Patron

Dimalupa's ace



SPORTS

WORLD SERIES

Young pitchers take spotlight



HAMELS



RP boxers all set for youth tilt

By Dennis U. Eroa

Loss to Laos dims Pinoy XI's chances

No more stunts; Pacman starts serious hard training



PACQUIAO

By Marc Anthony Reyes

Dundee sees a bullfight in Pacquiao vs De La Hoya

BARE EYE



Recah Trinidad

Administration hands Sports-Photo first basketball loss

Business

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GSIS changes foreign investment tack

Gov't pension fund rechannels $400M to less risky instruments

By Michelle V. Remo

THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM SAID it would revise its $400-million overseas investment strategy and seek less risky instruments due to the increasingly volatile global environment.

Currencies



PESO-DOLLAR RATE

44.74

Stock Market



Shares close 1.1% lower

Waterfront loses rights over Mimosa

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson and Tonette Orejas

Inquirer Central Luzon



GRIM TIMES: President Macapagal-Arroyo listens to Donald Dee of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry during the 34th Philippine Business Conference Expo.

Asian stocks slump as meltdown seen to drag on

Tanduay gets rid of SPV firm to focus on liquor

Unimark Investments sold to Tangent Holdings

Waterfront ...

DuPont buys training firm, seeks growth areas

By Ronnel W. Domingo

DUPONT SAFETY RESOURCES has acquired a safety training company, a big part of whose operations is in the Philippines, in a bid to corner a significant chunk of the $840-million market.

Company president James R. Weigand said in an interview the acquisition of Virginia-based Coastal Training Technologies Corp. has put together two strong companies, which was seen as a sure formula for growth amid the current global financial turmoil.

DuPont Safety Resources offers customized consulting services and safety training materials and products that help clients improve workplace safety systems and operations.

"As a firm that is more than 200 years old and which started in the explosives business, DuPont has always been involved in safety and protection," Weigand explained.

"We decided to expand into the consulting and training business and in our search for a channel to do this, Coastal came on top," he said.

Weigand said further the acquisition enables DuPont "to reach many, many more people, especially with Coastal Philippines which will surely play a big role in our operations in other areas."

Coastal has other offices in the United States, Mexico, Germany, Brazil and India, but 240 of about 450 employees worldwide are in the Philippines.

Weigand visited the Philippine office as part of his tour of Coastal's operations in the region.

The acquisition includes the transfer of all customer agreements, patents, copyrights, brands, equipment and personnel.

According to DuPont, acquiring Coastal will provide the former a broader suite of delivery systems to a growing global audience with the latter's broad customer network for its extensive library of training products.

He said the acquisition is part of the company's strategy to expand its presence in emerging markets and safety industries.

DuPont cites a report by the American Society for Training and Development, which show that American organizations alone spent approximately $56 billion on external training services in 2007.

DuPont estimates the global market for safety training materials and programs at more than $840 million a year.

THE 5 P's of the PETRON FLEET CARD

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PROFIT:

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PROTECTION:

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The Tollways Management Corporation constantly strives to enhance safe and fast travel in the north expressway. Security is at the top of their list, that's why the Petron Fleet Card definitely works for TMC's President, Anthony Mabasa. Because of its microchip technology, cards are protected from tampering and fraudulent usage. So he's assured that things will always run smoothly. "No other card gives us that kind of security," ends Mr. Mabasa.

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Epson rolls out new products, targets small firms

Dispute panel eyed to break RP-Aussie agri impasse

By Amy R. Remo

Second scamming?

BREAKTIME

Gonzalo R. Mamuti III







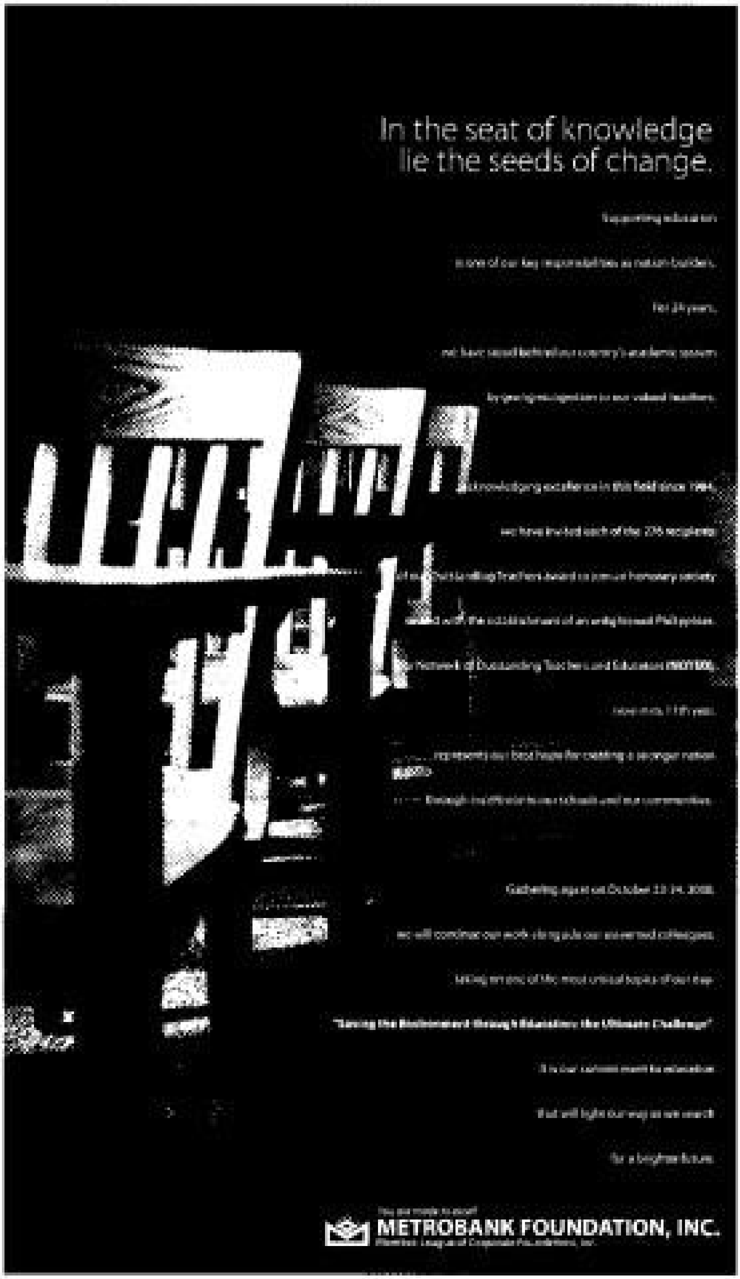
Stable coffee supply by 2015 eyed

By Amy R. Remo

Reforms sought with higher deposit insurance

Canadian miner braces for crisis

Asian ...



People, Events & Products

NMPI garners twin global Nissan awards



INQUIRER SUPPORTS THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM

SHINJUKU JAPANESE CUISINE OPENING



LIFT SINK OPENS FOR PNE: 'KULITAN SA CAVITE'

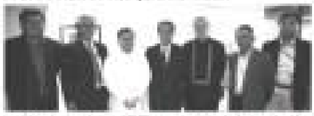




FCAAF CHAMPIONS

Ignite! The Acsat Acquaintance Party and Concert

JAPAN EMBASSY VIPS PAY VISIT TO PLDT, SMART CHAIR



APPETON WEIGHT GAIN'S MOST IMPROVED PLAYER



DR. VILLAREAL BACK FROM US TRAINING IN ORAL IMPLANTOLOGY



Le Cordon Bleu, IES presentation at AIM

Bits & Clips

Sandalias Festival echoes the rhythm of Brazil

Hooray for Halloween!

Chili's Greenhills celebrates its 10th year

World Of China at the WTC

North Philippines Tourism and Travel Expo 2008

National Book Store's October Office Blowout

Rotary Club of Alabang's Pre-Christmas Bazaar

Product Files

SBC: The best place to hang out



Liven up your day with Jollibee Crispy Bangus



Hunt's spectrum of flavors



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LIFESTYLE Food



PHILIPPINE Wagyu scores high in taste, texture and flavor.

Presenting Philippine Wagyu

It's incredibly soft, fine-marbled, with a medium yet well-rounded meaty flavor—at half the price

KITCHEN RESCUE



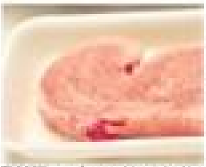
Reggie Aspiras

AFTER HAVING A MOST unforgettable steak affair last week, I must say that Philippine Wagyu has finally made a breakthrough.

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Umaling Farms

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THE BEEF comes from special cows bred in Bukidnon.



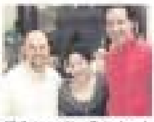




Why's and wherefore's of Pinoy cooking in one book











Top Filipino chefs join forces on a book that standardizes Filipino cuisine







Fruits of the labor

DINING OUT

Winning combos



Seafood delight

Hassle-free parties



EAT-ALL-YOU-CAN BUFFET

ASIAN BUFFET



DIY: Mushrooms à la Pobre



Tips

- To serve as cocktail, spear mushrooms with cocktail toothpicks.
- Use only low heat so as not to burn the garlic.
- For best results use good quality butter and olive oil.
- To make this spicy, add one or two siling labuyo while cooking the mushrooms.

By [illegible]

HERE'S an easy appetizer or first course you can serve your guests: mushrooms cooked with lots of garlic, butter and olive oil. It's [illegible]

Mushrooms à la Pobre

2 cans (around 400 g each) whole button mushrooms
1 large head garlic, peeled and sliced
2 tbsp liquid seasoning
2 tbsp butter
2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil

Drain mushrooms and transfer to a large bowl. Mix with garlic and season with liquid seasoning. Let stand 30 minutes or up to a few hours in refrigerator.

Heat a large skillet to medium and add butter. When butter is almost melted, add olive oil and heat for a few seconds. Add mushrooms as well as the garlic and liquid seasoning in which mushrooms were marinated.

Cook stir for 1 or 2 minutes. Transfer to a serving dish.

Goings On

Urban bazaar

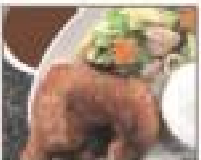
POWER PLANT MALL PRESENTS "Rockwell's Urban Bazaar: Holiday Series," [illegible]

Masskara festival

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Halloween tricks and treats

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Classic Savory introduces new combo meals at foodcourt outlet.

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Halloween treats



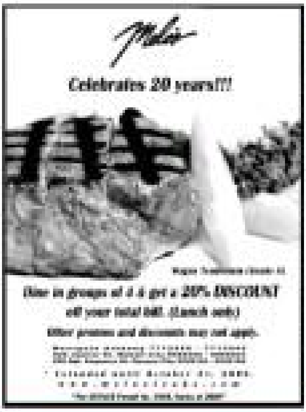
BELGIAN CHOCOLATE FONDUE [illegible]



YUMMY PIZZA TREAT [illegible]

TREAT YOUR FAMILY [illegible]





New pizza parlor rises in corporate jungle

HEARTTHROB AND ACtor John Lloyd Cruz caused a stir at the opening of Greenwich's 244th store in Rufino Tower in Makati City.





Presenting Philippine Wagyu

Why Wagyu costs so much

Spanish wine and sangria festival

CASA ARMAS, A DINING SPOT IN THE metropolis

ENTERTAINMENT



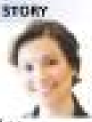


Gwyneth: *I'm here for Madonna*



Struck silent — no singing, no talking

BACK STORY



Lea Salonga



METRO MANILA

RESERVED SEATS NOW AVAILABLE

IMAX	THE PODIUM	CINEMA 1
SEA MONSTER P200	NIGHTS IN RODANTHE	HELLBOY 2: THE GOLDEN ARMY
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GALLERIA

1 EAGLE EYE
2 TROPIC THUNDER
3 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE
4 THE CHANTING 2
5 LIVING HELL
6 MAX PAYNE
7 BODY OF LIES
8 IndieSine: LUKARET
9 THE STRANGERS
10 MAG-INGAT KA SA KULAM

ERMITA

1 TROPIC THUNDER
2 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE
3 LIVING HELL
4 THE CHANTING 2
5 THE STRANGERS
6 RESERVED
7 RESERVED
8 MAX PAYNE
9 BODY OF LIES / KULAM

METRO EAST

1 BURIED ALIVE
2 EAGLE EYE
3 LIVING HELL
4 THE CHANTING 2
5 MAX PAYNE
6 TROPIC THUNDER
7 THE STRANGERS
8 MAG-INGAT KA SA KULAM

NOVALICHES

1 BODY OF LIES
2 MIRRORS
3 MAG-INGAT KA SA KULAM
4 THE CHANTING 2

PIONEER

1 MAX PAYNE
2 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE
3 LIVING HELL
4 BODY OF LIES

STA. ROSA

1 MAG-INGAT KA SA KULAM
2 MAX PAYNE
3 THE SISTERHOOD of the TRAVELLING PANTS 2
4 IGOR

LIPA

1 MAG-INGAT KA SA KULAM
2 BODY OF LIES
3 THREE KINGDOMS
4 MUTANT CHRONICLES

DASMARIÑAS

1 MAG-INGAT KA SA KULAM
2 MAX PAYNE
3 THE SISTERHOOD of the TRAVELLING PANTS 2
4 BURIED ALIVE

IMUS

1 MAG-INGAT KA SA KULAM
2 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE
3 MAX PAYNE
4 BURIED ALIVE

ANGELES

1 MUTANT CHRONICLES
2 MAX PAYNE
3 MIRRORS
4 BURIED ALIVE

STARMILLS

1 MUTANT CHRONICLES
2 MAX PAYNE
3 EAGLE EYE
4 MIRRORS
5 BURIED ALIVE
6 MAG-INGAT KA SA KULAM

BACOLOD

1 MAX PAYNE
2 MUTANT CHRONICLES
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5 IGOR
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For a while, my husband has a very quiet wife; my daughter, a quiet mom

Miracle worker

Extra care

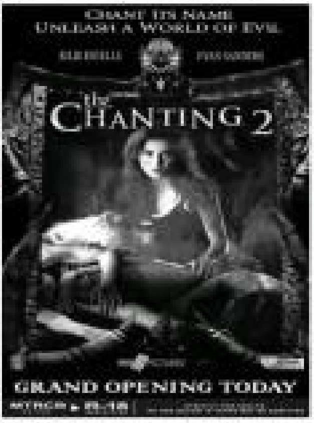


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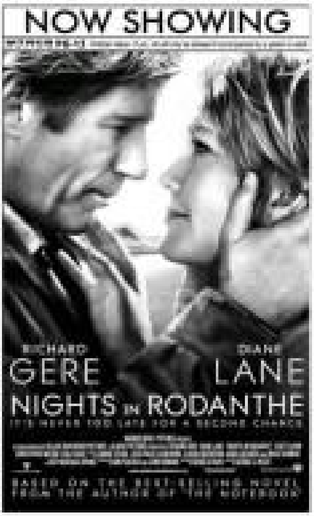
'The Singing Bee'





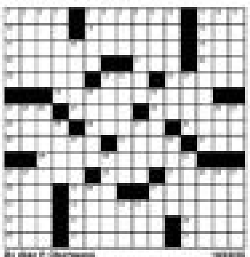


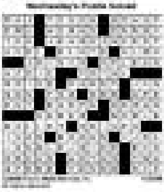






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Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

AT THE CINEMAS

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GREENBELT 1	1 MAX PAYNE	2 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE					
GREENBELT 3	1 MAX PAYNE	2 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE	3 PINEAPPLE EXPRESS	4 THE STRANGERS	5 TROPIC THUNDER		
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE	2 MAX PAYNE	3 LIVING HELL	4 THE STRANGERS	5 TROPIC THUNDER		
AYALA CENTER CEBU	1 TROPIC THUNDER	2 MAX PAYNE	3 IGOR	4 [illegible]			
MARKET! MARKET!	1 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE	2 LIVING HELL	3 [illegible]	4 MAX PAYNE	5 [illegible]		
TRINOMA	1 [illegible]	2 MAX PAYNE	3 THE STRANGERS	4 TROPIC THUNDER	5 LIVING HELL	6 [illegible]	7 NIGHTS IN RODANTHE

AT THE MALLS

Mall	Event
Glorietta	[illegible]
Greenbelt	SHOPPING SPREE AT GREENBELT 1
Alabang Town Center	TOWN CHEERS: A Cheering Competition
Ayala Center Cebu	[illegible]
Market! Market!	[illegible]
Trinoma	[illegible]



DEAR OLD FRIENDS

One boogie night

PARTY! PARTY!

Family factor boosts new quiz show's appeal

VIEWFINDER



> Possibly going against it is the format's time-worn predictability

Well-chosen teams



IT'S A CLEAR WRAP